

St. Paul Lutheran Church and School

Bonduel, Wisconsin

March 17/18, 2018

The 5th Sunday in Lent



A Worship Series on Moses ~ Let My People Go

Today's Theme:

Don't Just Do Something, Stand There

(Exodus 14:1-29)



Call to Worship

Shiphrah and Puah saved the baby boys, despite the Pharaoh's evil command. Moses said no to God, who then through a show of strength – turning the staff into a serpent, and promising to be with him – turned Moses' heart from fear of Pharaoh to trust in Him. Moses and Aaron went to the Pharaoh, saying for God, "Let my people go." He didn't. Ten miraculous signs, ten plagues, God sent upon Egypt in punishment, so they would know the LORD is God and so they would let God's people go. Blood, frogs, gnats, flies, death to livestock, boils, hail, locusts, darkness, and death fell upon Egypt. God instituted the Passover sacrifice, sparing the firstborn of all His families. Israel left Egypt, slavery, and the Pharaoh behind. Soon, their backs were against the Red Sea, and raging toward them were the chariots and horsemen of the Pharaoh. Their doom was looming. The LORD said:

Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will work for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again. The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to be silent.

All this the LORD accomplished to save His people Israel.

What does He do for your salvation?

March Memory

Let us read, mark, learn, and take to heart your Word, O Lord:

“Join with me in suffering for the gospel according to the power of God,”
(2 Timothy 1:8).

Hymn **564** *Christ Sits at God’s Right Hand* **(1, 3)**

Invocation

In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Hear me, merciful and mighty Father, as I confess my bondage to sin and death.

I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature.

For I have the desire to do good, but I cannot carry it out. Romans 7:18

For what I do is not the good I want to do.

No, the evil I do not want to do, this I keep on doing. Romans 7:19

I find this law at work—

When I want to do good, evil is right there with me. Romans 7:21

For in my inner being I delight in God’s law. Romans 7:22

But I see another law at work in the members of my body, waging war and making me a prisoner of the law of sin and death. Romans 7:23

At the root of my sinfulness is this truth:

I am unwilling and unable to fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

Wretched man that I am,

Who will deliver me from this body of death? Romans 7:24

Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Hear the good news!

The LORD God who delivered Israel from the Egyptian bondage also delivers you from your body of sin and death. Jesus Christ, the Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed and His blood forgives you and sets you free. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Hymn **564** *Christ Sits at God’s Right Hand* **(4, 5)**

Psalm 105 (selected verses)

¹Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!

⁴Seek the LORD and his strength;
seek his presence continually!

²⁶He sent Moses, his servant,
and Aaron, whom he had chosen.

²⁷They performed his signs among them.
²⁸**He sent darkness, and made the land dark;**

²⁹He turned their waters into blood
and caused their fish to die.

³⁰Their land swarmed with frogs,
even in the chambers of their kings.

³¹He spoke, and there came swarms of flies,
and gnats throughout their country.

³²He gave them hail for rain,
and fiery lightning bolts through their land.

³³He struck down their vines and fig trees,
and shattered the trees of their country.

³⁴He spoke, and the locusts came,
young locusts without number,

³⁵which devoured all the vegetation in their land
and ate up the fruit of their ground.

³⁶He struck down all the firstborn in their land,
the firstfruits of all their strength.

³⁷Then he brought out Israel with silver and gold,
and there was none among his tribes who stumbled.

³⁹He spread a cloud for a covering,
and fire to give light by night.

⁴³So he brought his people out with joy,
his chosen ones with singing.

⁴⁴And he gave them the lands of the nations,
and they took possession of the fruit of the peoples' toil,

⁴⁵that they might keep his statutes
and observe his laws.

Praise the LORD!

Prayer

O Lord, often we are powerless against even our weakest of foes, like a little flu bug, a toothache, or a work problem. Where do we turn when the real problems come? When the guilt of our sin consumes our hearts, when death threatens and then strikes, or when the last Day comes and we face Your judgment? We praise You, that Your Word through Moses to the Israelites, You speak also to us: "Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the LORD, which He will work for you today." For calling us out of spiritual death into eternal life with and through Your Son, we thank You, almighty and gracious God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 14:1–25

Crossing the Red Sea

¹Then the LORD said to Moses, ²"Tell the people of Israel to turn back and encamp in front of Pi-hahiroth, between Migdol and the sea, in front of Baal-zephon; you shall encamp facing it, by the sea. ³For Pharaoh will say of the people of Israel, 'They are wandering in the land; the wilderness has shut them in.' ⁴And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and he will pursue them, and I will get glory over Pharaoh and all his host, and the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD." And they did so.

⁵When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, the mind of Pharaoh and his servants was changed toward the people, and they said, "What is this we have done, that we have let Israel go from serving us?" ⁶So he made ready his chariot and took his army with him, ⁷and took six hundred chosen chariots and all the other chariots of Egypt with officers over all of them. ⁸And the LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and he pursued the people of Israel while the people of Israel were going out defiantly. ⁹The Egyptians pursued them, all Pharaoh's horses and chariots and his horsemen and his army, and overtook them encamped at the sea, by Pi-hahiroth, in front of Baal-zephon.

¹⁰When Pharaoh drew near, the people of Israel lifted up their eyes,

and behold, the Egyptians were marching after them, and they feared greatly. And the people of Israel cried out to the LORD. ¹¹They said to Moses, "Is it because there are no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us in bringing us out of Egypt? ¹²Is not this what we said to you in Egypt, 'Leave us alone that we may serve the Egyptians'?"

For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.”

¹³And Moses said to the people,

“Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will work for you today.

For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again.

¹⁴The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to be silent.”

¹⁵The LORD said to Moses, “Why do you cry to me? Tell the people of Israel to go forward. ¹⁶Lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the people of Israel may go through the sea on dry ground. ¹⁷And I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they shall go in after them, and I will get glory over Pharaoh and all his host, his chariots, and his horsemen. ¹⁸And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gotten glory over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horsemen.”

¹⁹Then the angel of God who was going before the host of Israel moved and went behind them, and the pillar of cloud moved from before them and stood behind them, ²⁰coming between the host of Egypt and the host of Israel.

And there was the cloud and the darkness. And it lit up the night without one coming near the other all night.

²¹Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided.

²²And the people of Israel went into the midst of the sea on dry ground, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

²³The Egyptians pursued and went in after them into the midst of the sea, all Pharaoh’s horses, his chariots, and his horsemen. ²⁴And in the morning watch

the LORD in the pillar of fire and of cloud looked down on the Egyptian forces and threw the Egyptian forces into a panic,

²⁵clogging their chariot wheels so that they drove heavily.

And the Egyptians said, “Let us flee from before Israel, for the LORD fights for them against the Egyptians.”

²⁶Then the LORD said to Moses,

“Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen.”

²⁷So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its normal course when the morning appeared. And as the Egyptians fled into it, the LORD threw the Egyptians into the midst of the sea. ²⁸The waters returned and covered the chariots and the horsemen; of all the host of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea, not one of them remained.

²⁹But the people of Israel walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

³⁰Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. ³¹Israel saw the great power that the LORD used against the Egyptians, so the people feared the LORD, and they believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Music 8:00am *What Is This Bread*
 10:15am *Part of the Plan*

The Holy Gospel John 6:38–43

³⁸For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. ³⁹And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me,

but raise it up on the last day.

⁴⁰For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life,

and I will raise him up on the last day.”

⁴¹So the Jews grumbled about him, because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” ⁴²They said, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven’?” ⁴³Jesus answered them, “Do not grumble among yourselves. ⁴⁴No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him.

And I will raise him up on the last day.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ!

Hymn 918 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer*

Sermon **Don’t Just Do Something, Stand There!** *(Exodus 14:13)*

Offering *(Please complete the friendship register found at the end of the pew.)*

Prayer of the Church

The Service of the Sacrament

Note for those desiring to commune... Our practice of closed communion is the Biblical and historic practice of the Christian church. It is prompted by love, both for God's Word and for His people since it seeks to prevent spiritual damage to those who do not recognize the true body and blood of Christ in, with, and under the bread and wine in this Holy Supper (1 Cor. 11:29). Furthermore, it does not deny that members of other denominations are Christians. Rather, it bows the knee to the Bible's deep concern for doctrinal truth (Romans 16:17) and the Bible's witness that the Lord's Supper is the highest expression of fellowship and doctrinal unity (Acts 2:42). For this reason, guests who are not a member of a sister LCMS congregation are asked to speak to a pastor before communing.

Admonition to Communicants

We now come to this altar, giving us memory of the thousands of animals sacrificed in Old Testament times. This same altar points to the altar of the cross upon which our Lord was sacrificed, once for all, taking the punishment of our sins. For, "By his stripes are we healed," and "The chastisement that brought us peace was upon him." Let us then take to heart the words with which Christ presents His body and blood, and give thanks for the incomprehensible love that He showed us when He saved us from the wrath of God, sin, death, and hell by His blood. Come, let us receive through the bread and the wine His true body and blood, His guarantee and pledge to us.

The Lord's Prayer

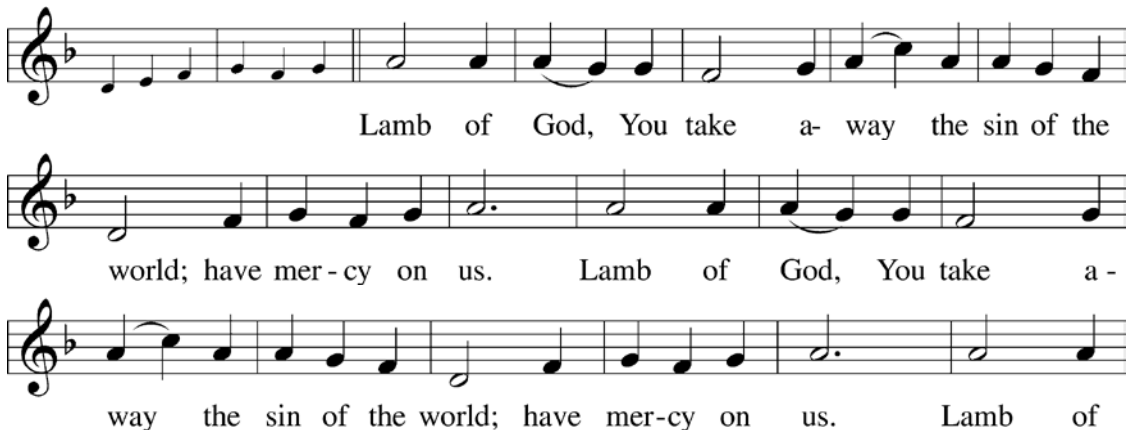
Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

Our Father who art in heaven...

Words of Institution

Agnus Dei ~ Lamb of God

(962)



Lamb of God, You take a- way the sin of the
world; have mer- cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a -
way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of



God, You take a-way the sin of the world; grant us Your
 peace, grant us Your peace, grant us Your peace.

Distribution Hymns **616** **431** **637** **567**

Post-Communion Prayer

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in the Holy Supper, and we ask You not to abandon Your children but always to place in our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, godly fear, love, and trust in you alone, that we may be enabled to serve You constantly even as we look forward to the day we see you face to face; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Benediction

Then He brought out Israel with silver and gold,
and there was none among His tribes who stumbled.

He spread a cloud for a covering,
and fire to give light by night.

So He brought his people out with joy,
His chosen ones with singing.

Psalm 105:37,39,43

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

Amen.

Hymn **729** *I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus*



Next Week: Strike the Rock! (Exodus 17:1–7)

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Serving the Lord in Worship

Liturgy	Rev. Mark R. Palmer	Sermon	Rev. Timothy J. Shoup
Organist	Mrs. Lorraine Doell		
Music	8:00am – Handbells Choir	10:15am –	Grades 7 & 8
Acolytes	Cashten Davis	Tatum Sporisky	Ayden Kohn

Prayers

In Need of Healing . . . *Anita Bartelt, Bill Buss, Michele Czarapata, Doris Hoffman, Shirley Kieckhafer, Lee Kohn, Gregory Kopitske, Jr., Penny Meek, Brittany Slack, Katie Titler, Todd Wegner, Larry Wilke, Gary Wolf, and Joan Zittlow.*



We Pray For . . . the family of *Carol Bartels*, who was called to her eternal home on Friday, March 9, and her funeral service was at St. Paul on Friday, March 16.

We Pray For . . . the family of *Steve Schwerin*, who was called to his eternal home on Tuesday, March 13, and will receive Christian burial at St. Paul on Sunday, March 18.

Prayer Request . . . for Sri Lanka for the violence taking place there and *Pastor Naumann*.

Announcements

Voters' Assembly . . . will meet Monday, March 19, at 6:00pm in the fellowship hall. A meeting of the voters will call a teacher to fill the vacancy after Mrs. Reinke's retirement.

Easter lilies and plants . . . Would you like to help beautify the church for Easter? Lilies will be \$16 each, and other plants (mums, tulips, azaleas, begonias, and kalanchoes) will be \$18 each. Make checks payable to St. Paul Lutheran Church, and put your payment in the box provided. The deadline for ordering is Sunday, March 25. Questions, call Karen Baker at 715-853-9137.

Attendance – March 7, 10, and 11, 2018

Wednesday	3/7	10:00am	266
Wednesday	3/7	7:00pm	94
Saturday	3/10	7:00pm	160
Sunday	3/11	8:00am	138
Sunday	3/11	10:15am	<u>171</u>
Total			829

So They Set Their Hope in Him

3-year special offering

As of February 28, 2018

	Mortgage	School Repair	Missions	WRLHS	Total
Pledged	\$548,185	\$388,845	\$40,442	\$107,314	\$1,084,786
Received	\$290,765	\$180,104	\$18,346	\$51,531	\$540,746

Thrivent Choice Dollars . . . \$7,716 was designated to St. Paul Church & School this past month by 84 people. There are still over 100 more that could designate their dollars. This is the last month to get your Thrivent Choice Dollars from 2017 designations sent to St. Paul Church or School. Call Thrivent 800–847–4836 or go on-line [.thrivent.com/choice](http://thrivent.com/choice).

Palm Sunday Breakfast . . . Our SPYRT (St. Paul Youth Rejoicing Together) group will host a breakfast on March 25, 7:00am–9:30am, in the fellowship hall. There will be a freewill offering. Proceeds will benefit youth who will attend the National Youth Gathering.

Relay for Life . . . Cancer – We all know someone who has been touched by it. Team Faith will be walking in the annual Relay for Life at the Shawano Community High School on Saturday, March 24, from 9:00am – 3:00pm. Join Team Faith for fun, food, and raffles, or drop off a donation to the American Cancer Society at the St. Paul office. If questions, contact Peggy Buchholz at 715–758–8715. Thank you for your support!

Concordia Seminary – St. Louis Recruitment Visit . . . Have you ever considered becoming a pastor or a deaconess? If so, Rev. Bill Wrede from Concordia Seminary –St. Louis would like to meet you. He will be available in the Shawano area on Tuesday, March 20. Contact him at 314–750–5151 or [@csl.edu](http://csl.edu) for an appointment.

Midweek Lenten Services

10:00am and 7:00pm

3/21/2018

Death to Resurrection: Wilderness to Promised Land (Rev. Conradt)

The Bonduel Community Food Pantry . . . is in need of brown paper grocery bags. Please drop off in the school/church office.

55+ Group . . . will meet Tuesday, March 27, in the fellowship hall for a potluck lunch at noon. The importance of counting birds will be presented by Gloria Pyatskowitz. She and her husband Al volunteer for the Navarino Nature Center. Come join us.

Sunday School . . . Attendance for March 11 included 11 students and 6 volunteers. The 3 and 4 year-olds learned to say, “NO!” to sin. This week they are learning to follow Jesus every day. The K – 3rd grade learned that Jesus’ mission was to give His life for us. This week they will learn that Jesus is the greatest because he is servant to all. The 4th – 6th grade talked about how God wrote the Bible through people. Next they will be learning that God’s Word is a light for situations today and our direction for the future.

St. Paul Men’s Club . . . invites everyone to their 3rd annual steak fry on Sunday, April 15, in the fellowship hall. Tickets are \$15 per person and available between services.

Strong Bones . . . is a weekly exercise program for men and women of all ages. Each class includes progressive weight training, flexibility and balance activities. *People with health concerns such as arthritis, heart disease, osteoporosis, diabetes, obesity, and back pain often benefit the most from an exercise program that includes lifting light weights a few times a week.* Kara Skarlupka instructs this class that meets each Monday and Friday from 7:30am – 8:30am in the church hall here at St. Paul. Please call the Shawano County UWEX office at 715–526–6136 for more information.

Wolf River LHS will host . . . the Wolf River Builder’s Association Home Show on March 24 – 25. Volunteers are needed to work concessions and provide baked goods for the bake sale. Contact Mary Luepke at 518–593–0452 or email at @live.com.

The Northeastern Woodworkers Guild . . . is holding their 36th annual Woodworking Show and Sale at Green Bay Southwest High School, 1331 Packerland Dr., Green Bay, on March 17 – 18, 9:30am – 5:00pm, free admission/parking. Visit newwg.org.

Acolyte Schedule Next Week

March 21	Owen Springborn	Addison Diemel
March 24	Kylie Hoeffs	
March 25	Nicole Marquette	Noah Weier

SCRIP Schedule Next Week

March 24	Patti Herrmann	March 25	Patti Rosin	Pam Schmidt
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EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

- Sun. 3/18** 8:00am Worship – Holy Communion
9:00am Fellowship (Board of Elders)
9:00am Bible Bowl Practice
9:15am Sunday School
9:15am Bible Study (8th Grade Room)
10:15am Worship – Holy Communion
- Mon. 3/19** 7:30am Strong Bones
6:30pm Prayer Shawl Ministry
- Tues. 3/20** 7:00am Bible Study
8:00am Quilting
6:00pm Bell Choir
- Wed. 3/21** **10:00am Midweek Lenten Worship**
11:30am Worship – Holy Communion
5:00pm Public School Confirmation
5:45pm Choir
6:00pm Grades 5 & 6 Confirmation
7:00pm Midweek Lenten Worship
- Thurs. 3/22** 2:00pm Women’s Bible Study
- Fri. 3/23** 7:30am Strong Bones
SCRIP due by noon
- Sat. 3/24** 9:30am Palm Sunday Breakfast Set-up
7:00pm Worship
- Sun. 3/25** *Palm Sunday*
7:00am – 9:30am SPYRT’s Palm Sunday Breakfast
8:00am Worship (Grades 3 – 6 sing with adult choir)
9:00am Bible Bowl Practice (youth room)
9:15am Sunday School
9:15am Bible Study (eighth grade room)
10:15am Worship (Grades 3 – 6 sing with adult choir)



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